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<b>Examiner Name</b>	Shick C. Horn
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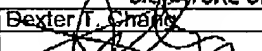
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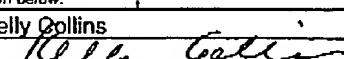
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